4. Shri Nikhil Bhattacharaya representing Dainik Sambad (Bengali Daily), Agartala.

Development of Radio and T.V.

3762. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have sought cooperation from the State Governments for the development of radio and TV;

(b)if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c)what is the reaction of State Governments to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.R SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To provide infrastructure and security, for the existing as also the proposed All India Radio and Doordarshan projects.

(c) The State Governments have assured their cooperation in the matter of providing security and other infrastructural facilities to All India Radio and Doordarshan.

Doordarshan relay centres in Gujarat

3763. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a)what is the number of cities and persons who have been benefited by the scheme of expansion of Doordarshan programmes which was implemented in February, 1994;

(b)what action Government have taken so far for finding out some simple and cheap methodology to extend the benefit of programmes to the common man in the country;

(c)what is the total number of Relay Centres working in Gujarat at present together with their respective capacity and whether Government feel that these Relay Centres are sufficient for the coverage of the entire population of that State; and

(d)if not, what action is proposed to be taken by Government to increase the number and capacity of Relay Centres in Gujarat and by when the benefits of these Centres is likely to reach all the people in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI KR SINGH DEO): (a) The entire country is receiving the Doordarshan programmes transmitted by satellite mode and receivable through suitable dish antenna, Doordarshan': programmes are also presently broadcast by terrestrial mode, to 66.8% of the country area-wise and 84.6% population-wise.

(b) The currently available simple and cheap technology for reception of TV programmes is through terrestrial mode. Government is endeavouring to increase the terrestrial coverage of the country by the installation of 610 transmitters of varying powers, in the coming years, subject to availability of resources and infrastructure.

(c) and (d) The details are given in Statement-I and Statement-II *(See* below). Gujarat is presently covered upto 77% population-wise and 65.5% area-wise, by terrestrial transmission. While an LPT / VLPT takes 1-2 years, HPT take 3-4 years for installation from their date of sanction, subject

Statement-I

TV transmitters functioning at present in the State Gujarat with capacity

HPT (10KW	LPT (100W/300W)	VLPT (10KW)
Ahmedabad	Ahwa	Kakrapar
Bhuj (INT. 1 KW)	Ambaji	
Dwarka	Amreli	
Rajkot	Bhabbar	
	Bharuch	
	Bhavnagar	
	Chhota Udaipur	
	Dediapara	
	Dhorajee	
	Dohad	
	Godhara	
	Jamnagar	
	Junagarh	
	Kevadia Colony	
	Khamb	
	Kosamba	
	Mehsana	
	Navsari	
	Palanpur	
	Patan	
	Porbander	
	Songarh	
	Surat	
	Surendranagar	
	Tharad	
	Vadodara	
	Vyara	
	Ahmedabad (DD-ll)	

Statement-II

TV Transmitters under implementation/ envisaged to be set up in the State of Gujarat and capacity thereof

(HPT) (IOKW)	*LPT* (100/300W)	
Bhuj	Dharangadhra	
Palitana	Ider	Devgadh-
Surat	Mahuva	
Vadodara	Mangrol (Surat)	
Radhanpu	Morvi	
Junagarh	Nakhtarana	
	Rapar	
	Deesa	
	Palitana	
	Rajula	
	Sanjeli/Santrampur	
	Khambhalia	
	Amod	
	Mangrol (Junagarh)	
	Bantva	
	Jhagadia	
	Junawada	
	Jamjodhpur	
	Radhanpur	
	Dohad	
	Rajeipla	
	Dandi (Navsari)	
	Vajara	
	Dharampur	
	Umargaon	
	Modasa	
	Limbadi	
	Dhundhoke	
	Dhari	
	Una	

Legend: HPT — High Power Transmitter LPT — Low Power Transmitter VLPT— Very Low Power Transmitter

Promotion of Gujarati Language on Electronic media

3764. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote Gujarati Language through electronic media-network;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard during the last three years; and

(c) what had been the demand for telecast of Gujarati films on regional and national channel during the last three years?